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Re. D'Wolf
PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 05394-0013-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Stewart COLE et al.) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Serial No.: 09/936,523) Examiner: Not yet assigned
Filed: September 14, 2001)
For: DELETED SEQUENCES IN M.)
BOVIS BCG/M.BOVIS OR M.)
TUBERCULOSIS, METHOD FOR)
DETECTING MYCOBACTERIA)
USING THESE SEQUENCES AND)
VACCINES)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 24.

Please amend the following claims:

- A1
1. (Amended) A nucleotide or polynucleotide sequence deleted from the genome of *M. bovis* BCG/*M. bovis* and present in the genome of *M. tuberculosis* or a nucleotide or polynucleotide sequence of the following ORFs and genes: Rv2346c, Rv2347c, Rv2348c, *plcC*, *plcB*, *plcA*, Rv2352c, Rv2353c, Rv3425, Rv3426, Rv3427c, Rv3428c,